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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Appeal Brief filed 9/24/2004 to the application, filed on 07/24/2000
2. In the amendment, claims 22-33 are pending in the case. Claim 22 is an independent claim.
3. In response to the appeal brief, the prosecution has been reopened and new grounds of rejections have been presented
4. This action has been made Non-Final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. **The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:**

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 22-30 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bickmore, et al. (herein after Bickmore) European Patent No. EP0949571 in view of Nicolas et al. (herein after Nicolas) U.S. Patent No. 6,593,944 B1 filed 5/18/2000**

In regard to independent claim 22, Bickmore discloses *A method of providing an information page to a handheld viewing device, comprising the steps of: requesting an information page at the handheld viewing device* (Bickmore Paragraph 22 Line 3); *retrieving the information page from a remote system* (Bickmore Paragraph 29 Line 13).

Bickmore does not specifically mention *if the information page includes a plurality of frames, then generating an abbreviated version of the information page, and an image map; and transmitting the abbreviated version of the information page to the handheld viewing device.* However, Nicolas mentions determining a frame layout associated with said multi-frame Web Page; generating a frame representation for indicating said frame layout, wherein said frame representation includes a plurality of geometric frame identifiers each corresponding to a corresponding frame of said plurality of frames, each geometric frame identifier being configured for individual selection by a user; displaying said frame representation on said electronic display device such that said user can select anyone of said plurality of geometric frame identifiers to view corresponding one of said plurality of frames; and displaying on said electronic display device a selected frame corresponding to a selected geometric frame identifier in response to said user selecting said selected geometric frame identifier (Nicolas Col 3 Lines 28-45 and Col 12 Lines 32-60). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Nicolas to Bickmore, providing Bickmore the benefit of making an abbreviated frame representation of the original web site and allowing the user to select frame identifiers for each frame so the user can easier view sections of the web site on a smaller display.

In regard to dependent claim 23, Bickmore discloses *providing a gateway device for receiving the request from the handheld viewing device* (Bickmore Paragraph 77 Line 34) *and for retrieving the information page from the remote system.* (Bickmore Paragraph 29 Line 13)

In regard to dependent claim 24, Bickmore discloses *coupling the gateway device to the handheld viewing device via a wireless network.* (Bickmore Paragraph 73 Lines 1-3)

In regard to dependent claim 25, Bickmore discloses *coupling the gateway device to the remote system via a wired network*. (Bickmore Paragraph 100 Line 26)

In regard to dependent claim 26, Bickmore discloses *wherein the wired network is the Internet, and the remote system is a world-wide-web server*. (Bickmore Paragraph 24 Line 53-56)

In regard to dependent claim 27, Bickmore discloses *wherein the information page is a web page*. (Bickmore Paragraph 118 Line 24 i.e. Web document)

In regard to dependent claim 28, Bickmore discloses *wherein the gateway device stores the information page in a cache* (Bickmore Paragraph 116 Line 9)

Bickmore does not specifically mention *generating the abbreviated version thereof, including the image map*. However, Nicolas mentions determining a frame layout associated with said multi-frame We Page; generating a frame representation for indicating said frame layout, wherein said frame representation includes a plurality of geometric frame identifiers each corresponding to a corresponding frame of said plurality of frames, each geometric frame identifier being configured for individual selection by a user; displaying said frame representation on said electronic display device such that said user can select anyone of said plurality of geometric frame identifiers to view corresponding one of said plurality of frames; and displaying on said electronic display device a selected frame corresponding to a selected geometric frame identifier in response to said user selecting said selected geometric frame identifier (Nicolas Col 3 Lines 28-45 and Col 12 Lines 32-60). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Nicolas to Bickmore, providing Bickmore the benefit of making an abbreviated frame representation of the original

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web site and allowing the user to select frame identifiers for each frame so the user can easier view sections of the web site on a smaller display.

In regard to dependent claim 29, Bickmore does not specifically mention *displaying the graphical representation of the information page at the handheld viewing device; selecting a portion of the graphical representation; accessing the image map to determine a frame that corresponds to the portion of the graphical representation selected; and retrieving a graphical representation of the selected frame and displaying it on the handheld viewing device*. However, Nicolas mentions determining a frame layout associated with said multi-frame We Page; generating a frame representation for indicating said frame layout, wherein said frame representation includes a plurality of geometric frame identifiers each corresponding to a corresponding frame of said plurality of frames, each geometric frame identifier being configured for individual selection by a user; displaying said frame representation on said electronic display device such that said user can select anyone of said plurality of geometric frame identifiers to view corresponding one of said plurality of frames; and displaying on said electronic display device a selected frame corresponding to a selected geometric frame identifier in response to said user selecting said selected geometric frame identifier (Nicolas Col 3 Lines 28-45 and Col 12 Lines 32-60). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Nicolas to Bickmore, providing Bickmore the benefit of making an abbreviated frame representation of the original web site and allowing the user to select frame identifiers for each frame so the user can easier view sections of the web site on a smaller display.

In regard to dependent claim 30, Bickmore discloses *providing a uniform resource locator (URL) (Bickmore Paragraph 143 Line 36) and transmitting one of the uniform resource locators to the remote system (Bickmore Paragraph 143 Line 36 and Paragraph 29 Line 13).*

Bickmore does not specifically mention *associated with each of the plurality of frames identified by the image map*. However, Nicolas mentions determining a frame layout associated with said multi-frame Web Page; generating a frame representation for indicating said frame layout, wherein said frame representation includes a plurality of geometric frame identifiers each corresponding to a corresponding frame of said plurality of frames, each geometric frame identifier being configured for individual selection by a user; displaying said frame representation on said electronic display device such that said user can select anyone of said plurality of geometric frame identifiers to view corresponding one of said plurality of frames; and displaying on said electronic display device a selected frame corresponding to a selected geometric frame identifier in response to said user selecting said selected geometric frame identifier (Nicolas Col 3 Lines 28-45 and Col 12 Lines 32-60). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Nicolas to Bickmore, providing Bickmore the benefit of making an abbreviated frame representation of the original web site and allowing the user to select frame identifiers for each frame so the user can easier view sections of the web site on a smaller display.

In regard to dependent claim 32, Bickmore discloses *if the information page does not include a plurality of frames (Bickmore Figure 5), then transmitting the information page to the handheld viewing device without abbreviating it into the graphical representation and the image map. (Bickmore Paragraph 94 Lines 49)*

In regard to dependent claim 33, Bickmore does not specifically mention *prior to the transmitting step, reducing the size of the graphical representation of the information page to match the display characteristics of the handheld viewing device*. However, Nicolas mentions determining a frame layout associated with said multi-frame Web Page; generating a frame representation for indicating said frame layout, wherein said frame representation includes a plurality of geometric frame identifiers each corresponding to a corresponding frame of said plurality of frames, each geometric frame identifier being configured for individual selection by a user; displaying said frame representation on said electronic display device such that said user can select anyone of said plurality of geometric frame identifiers to view corresponding one of said plurality of frames; and displaying on said electronic display device a selected frame corresponding to a selected geometric frame identifier in response to said user selecting said selected geometric frame identifier (Nicolas Col 3 Lines 28-45 and Col 12 Lines 32-60 and Col 2 Lines 20-25 i.e. reducing prior to displaying). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Nicolas to Bickmore, providing Bickmore the benefit of making an abbreviated frame representation of the original web site and allowing the user to select frame identifiers for each frame so the user can easier view sections of the web site on a smaller display.

7. **Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bickmore, et al. (herein after Bickmore) European Patent No. EP0949571, in view of Baecker et al. (herein after Baecker) U.S. Patent 5,479,602 (Provided to the applicant in the previous office action).**

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In regard to dependent claim 31, Bickmore does not specifically mention a bitmap. However, Baecker mentions a bitmap (Baecker Col 4 Line 3-4) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Baecker to Bickmore, providing Bickmore the benefit of using the icon bitmap as a small portion of random access memory, or a portion of the data storage device that is used to store a computer compatible representation of the icon as taught by Baecker Col 5 Lines 13-29.

Response to Arguments

8. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 9/24/2004, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. New grounds rejections have been set forth.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Londra C Burge whose telephone number is (571) 272-4122.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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